GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3
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TRUST FOR BADRINATH, KEDARNATH TEMPLES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to form trust for management of world famous and ancient pilgrimage centres like Badrinath, Kedarnath and Gomukh located in the Himalayas mountains;

(b) if so, the time by which it is proposed to form the trust; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects including 'Religious Tourism' which are identified in consultation and interaction with them and the maintenance of the assets so created is the responsibility of the State Governments.

No such proposal pertaining to setting up of a Trust for management of world known ancient pilgrimage centres like Badrinath, Kedarnath and Gomukh located in the Himalayas mountains is under consideration of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.